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110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to prescribe the weights and  
the compositions of circulating coins, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GUTIERREZ (for himself and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) introduced the  
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to prescribe  
the weights and the compositions of circulating coins,  
and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Coinage Materials  
5       Modernization Act of 2007”.

1   **SEC. 2. WEIGHTS AND COMPOSITIONS OF CIRCULATING**  
2                   **COINS.**

3           (a) WEIGHT AND COMPOSITION OF CIRCULATING  
4 COINS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY.—Section  
5 5112(c) of title 31, United States Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7           “(c) WEIGHT AND COMPOSITION OF COINS.—The  
8 Secretary shall prescribe the weight and the composition  
9 of the dollar, half dollar, quarter dollar, dime, 5-cent, and  
10 1-cent coins. In prescribing the weight and the composi-  
11 tion of the dollar, half dollar, quarter dollar, dime, 5-cent,  
12 and 1-cent coins, the Secretary shall consider such factors  
13 that the Secretary considers, in the Secretary’s sole discre-  
14 tion, to be appropriate.”.

15           (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16               (1) Section 5112(a) of title 31, United States  
17 Code, is amended—

18                   (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and  
19 weighs 11.34 grams”;

20                   (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and  
21 weighs 5.67 grams”;

22                   (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “and  
23 weighs 2.268 grams”;

24                   (D) in paragraph (5), by striking “and  
25 weighs 5 grams”; and

1 (E) by striking paragraph (6) and insert-  
2 ing the following new paragraph:

3 “(6) A 1-cent coin that is 0.75 inch in diame-  
4 ter.”.

5 (2) Section 5112(b) of title 31, United States  
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 “(b) SPECIFICATIONS FOR \$1 COINS AND GOLD  
8 COINS.—The \$1 coin shall be golden in color, have a dis-  
9 tinctive edge, have tactile and visual features that make  
10 the denomination of the coin readily discernible, be minted  
11 and fabricated in the United States, and have similar me-  
12 tallic, anti-counterfeiting properties as United States coin-  
13 age in circulation on the date of enactment of the United  
14 States \$1 Coin Act of 1997. In minting gold coins, the  
15 Secretary shall use alloys that vary not more than 0.1 per-  
16 cent from the percent of gold required. The specifications  
17 for alloys are by weight.”.

18 (3) Section 5113(a) of title 31, United States  
19 Code, is amended—

20 (A) in the 1st sentence, by striking “and  
21 dime coins” and inserting “dime, 5-cent, and 1-  
22 cent coins.”; and

23 (B) by striking the second and third sen-  
24 tences.